

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 05, 2004

A former Department of Natural Resources employee was arrested by SLED agents Wednesday morning, August 04, 2004, and charged with **Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent**.

Paige Wilkins, 38, of Charleston, S.C., was arrested around 10:00 a.m. and booked at the Charleston County Detention Center.

Warrant and Affidavit attached.

ARREST WARRANT

H-726001

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
 CHARLESTON

 THE STATE
 against

PAIGE WILKINS

Address: 829 ROBERT E LEE BLVD

CHARLESTON, SC 29412

Phone: 795-0033 SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: W Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED]

DL State: [REDACTED] DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI#: [REDACTED]

Prosecuting Agency: SLED

Prosecuting Officer: S/A RYAN NEILL

Offense: BREACH OF TRUST

Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-13-230 Offense Code: [REDACTED]

 This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

 The accused
 is to be arrested and brought before me to be
 dealt with according to law.

 Signature of Judge (L.S.)

Date: _____

RETURN

 A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
 defendant _____ on _____

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
 CHARLESTON)

AFFIDAVIT

S/A RYAN NEILL

who

 Personally appeared before me the affiant _____
 being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant _____
 did within this county and state on MARCH 2003 and MAY 2004 violate the criminal laws of the
 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of CHARLESTON)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

BREACH OF TRUST
16-13-230
 I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
 the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

*** SEE ATTACHED AFFADAVIT ***

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
 CHARLESTON)

CHARLESTON

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

 It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
 on MARCH 2003 & MAY 2004 defendant PAIGE WILKINS
 did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of CHARLESTON) as set forth below:
 DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: BREACH OF TRUST 16-13-230

 Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said
 defendant and bring him or her before me to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
 the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

 Sworn to and subscribed before me
 on AUGUST 2, 2004
 at [REDACTED]

 Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
 Judge Code: 5531-1-15

 Signature of Affiant
 Judge Code: 5531-1-15

Judge's Address 4045 BRIDGEVIEW DRIVE

N. CHARLESTON, SC 29405

Judge's Telephone (843) 202-6610

 Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**AFFIDAVIT****COUNTY OF CHARLESTON****SLED Case # 31040050**

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one **S/A RYAN NEILL (SLED)**
who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that (name of the defendant)

PAIGE WILKINS

did within this County and State on the **20th** day of **May 2004**
violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE**BREACH OF TRUST
VIOLATION OF SECTION 16-13-230**

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on or about between March 2003 and May 2004, the defendant, Paige Wilkins, did commit the crime of Breach of Trust (Over \$5,000.00), in violation of South Carolina Code of Laws, 16-13-230, as amended. In that while employed by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at their Fort Johnson Facility, did convert currency from DNR to her own personal use with intent to permanently deprive DNR thereof.

That while at Fort Johnson, the defendant, was the supervisor of Commercial License sales and in that capacity was entrusted with the care and keeping of currency belonging to DNR. That from the dates of March 8, 2003 thru May 20, 2004, the defendant did take with the intent to permanently deprive DNR of currency received from the sale of commercial licenses, \$7,196.00, which she converted and has used for her own personal self in that once a license was sold to a customer, the defendant would remove the cash from the license sale and replace it with a personal check, which had no financial value. Upon investigation, it was determined that these checks were not made out in an appropriate manner, with most of them bearing corrections and "mark outs", some with no signature which rendered them valueless. A total of 13 checks, of varying amounts, were used to commit this breach of trust.

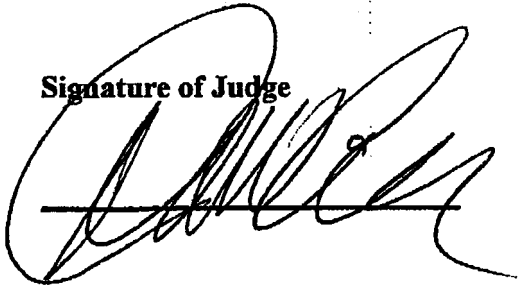
This illegal activity was further witnessed by her two subordinates, who have provided the affiant with statements and interviews that further support the financial crimes committed by the defendant.

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A loss of \$7,196.00 had been suffered by DNR, based on the actions of the defendant. All of this done against the peace and dignity of this state.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 2 day of Aug
2004.

Signature of Judge

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.A handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.
(AFFIANT)

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